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PROGRESS REPORT OF THE GEOGRAPHIC AREA, ONR

MONTH OF MAY 1958

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF, GEOGRAPHIC RESEARCH

A. Accomplishments and Coordination Activities

1. Production in the Geographic Research Area during May was normal, except for an upturn recorded by the Photo Intelligence Division. Projects completed continued to show great variety

*2. The Cartography Division completed 131 maps and charts

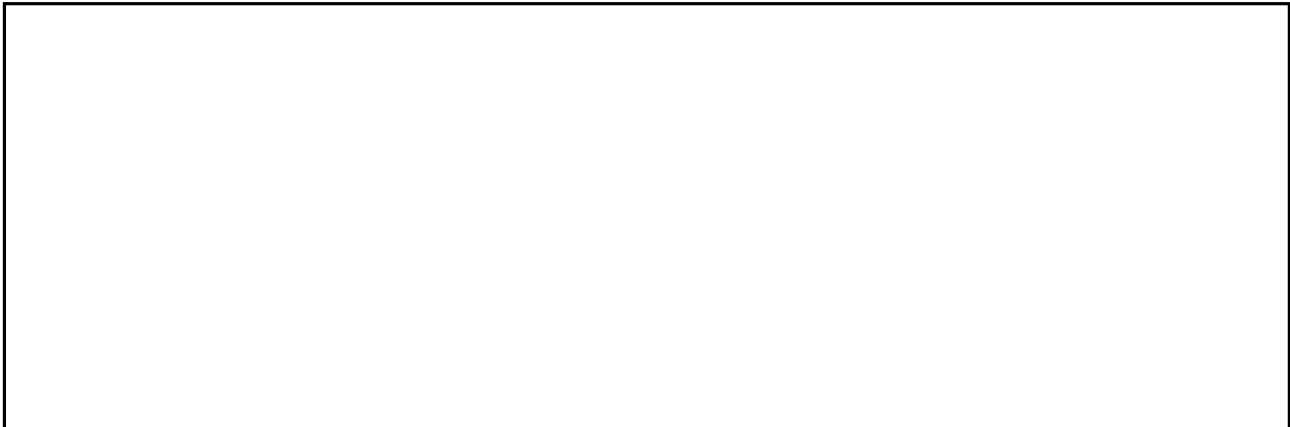
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6. The Geographic Research Area terminated its internal reading panel function as of COB, 29 May. The Documents Branch, St/I, assumed the function as of 2 June. Revised reading requirements and intensive briefings were presented by each Division to personnel of St/I/D prior to the changeover.

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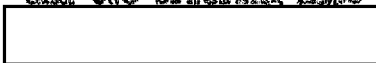
9. The Cartography and Map Library Divisions reached an agreement during the month regarding the institution of a new procedure for the distribution and control of maps produced by the Cartography Division. It is believed this agreement will result in more efficient handling of control and distribution problems in both Divisions.

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12. Two meetings of the Soviet Arctic Working Group were held during May to coordinate the production of a briefing paper entitled Soviet Activity and Capability in the Arctic -- which is to be incorporated into a more comprehensive report of the DD/I Arctic Committee -- and two briefing maps for a Department of Defense working group headed

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13. [redacted] met with Chief/G and several Geography Division personnel to discuss matters of mutual intelligence interest. [redacted] addressed the Soviet Arctic Working Group on "Needs of Research in the Arctic".

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MONTHLY REPORT FOR THE CARTOGRAPHY DIVISION

Month of May 1958

A. Summary of Cartographic Production and Accomplishments*

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3. The NIS Coordinator received 32 job requests during the month: 12 maps for final printing and 20 maps for color proofing. A total of 44 jobs, 24 final maps and 20 color proofs, were sent to reproduction. Forty-two jobs, 24 final maps and 18 color proofs were returned from reproduction. One request for final printing remained at the close of the month.

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B. Administrative Problems and Other Activities

1. Beginning with this issue, the Monthly Report reflects a review of the methods of reporting the activities of the Division. An administrative review of the various statistical and other reports

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May 1958

originated by the Division was initiated during the month and this report and the Status Report include a number of improvements which represent the saving of many manhours. This effort to more accurately orient our reporting and streamline our procedures will continue.

2. Due to the increasing demands placed upon the Division for revision of existing maps, especially NIS and OCI base maps, it has become necessary to establish a maintenance program for revising bases on a continuing basis. Allocation of time and personnel will be provided as a routine procedure in each Branch. These demands result from the fact that we have accumulated a large number of base maps which are constantly in demand and which must be kept substantively current.

3. During the month agreement was reached with D/GL to institute a new procedure for the distribution and control of maps produced by the Division. It is believed this agreement will result in more efficient handling of control and distribution problems in both Divisions.

4. [redacted] has been placed on disability retirement as of 31 July..

6. During the month [redacted] visited the Aeronautical Chart and Information Center in St. Louis, Missouri, 6 - 8 May, to investigate technical cartographic research and development projects, terrain shading techniques, and training methods.

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MONTHLY REPORT FOR THE MAP LIBRARY DIVISION

May 1958

1. The Reference Branch serviced 1,464 map requests and 97 requests for related geographic and cartographic publications. To fill these requests, 27,159 map sheets and 664 publications were distributed. Although this month's volume of map requests did not equal that of the record total of April 1958, it was one of the highest in the history of the Map Library. Requests for materials were heavy for the areas of Lebanon, North Africa, France, and the USSR. 500 maps were selected and arranged into a map reference collection of world areas for the use of the Director of Intelligence and Research, Department of State. A less extensive collection was assembled for the Reference Branch of the United States Mission to the United Nations. The Place Name Desk answered 138 calls for geographic name information. Requests for miscellaneous information not requiring the forwarding of materials to requestors totalled a high of 234.

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3. The Cataloging Section surpassed previous high production records this month. 1,181 new map titles, with a total of 2,961 sheets, were added to the Loan Copy Collection. Entries were made for 125 maps in NIS studies on China, Mongolia, and Korea, and for 197 geographical publications, of which 105 were retained for the Map Library Collection.

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MONTHLY REPORT FOR THE PHOTO INTELLIGENCE DIVISION
MONTH OF MAY 1958

A. SUMMARY OF ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

1. Activity in the Division continued at a high level with most of the work devoted to top priority projects for the DCI, DD/I and DD/P. In addition to the effort summarized below much time was devoted to research and development, numerous technical and substantive consultations and to the training program.

2. Projects, Requirements and Reports:

a. Reports issued

(1) Written	29
(2) Informal	9

Total reports issued - 38

b. Reports in edit 7

c. Reports in reproduction 2

d. Projects cancelled 12

e. Requirements received



Total requirements received - 108

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